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# Civil Rights in America

## National African American History Month

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The recorded chat with Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever, president and CEO of In-cite Unlimited, a consulting firm focused on the advancement of both civil rights and women's rights. It guides organizations to maximize their potential. A nationally-syndicated radio host, she is former executive director of The National Council of Negro Women.

**February is African  
American History Month**

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Proclamation on National African American History Month, 2014

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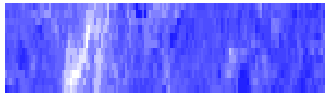
Americans have long celebrated our Nation as a beacon of liberty and opportunity -- home to patriots who threw off an empire, refuge to multitudes who fled oppression and despair. Yet we must also remember that while many came to our shores to pursue their own measure of freedom, hundreds of thousands arrived in chains. Through centuries of struggle, and through the toil of generations, African Americans have claimed rights long denied. During National African American History Month, we honor the men and women at the heart of this journey -- from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who proved that valor knows no color to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and marched our Nation toward a brighter day.

As we pay tribute to the heroes, sung and unsung, of African-American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions in bondage. We remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs and register their neighbors to vote. And we carry forward the unyielding hope that guided a movement as it bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice. Even while we seek to dull the scars of slavery and legalized discrimination, we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and suffering.

Every American can draw strength from the story of hard-won progress, which not only defines the African-American experience, but also lies at the heart of our Nation as a whole. This story affirms that freedom is a gift from God, but it must be secured by His people here on earth. It inspires a new generation of leaders, and it teaches us all that when we come together in common purpose, we can right the wrongs of history and make our world anew. [More...](#)



*Commemorative silver dollar to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*



*"I knew someone had to take the first step and I made up my mind not to move (to the back of the bus).*

*... I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people."*

*—Rosa Parks*

## Articles: U.S. Government

[America's Story](#)

[Continuing the Work of Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

[The Dream Lives On, the Work Continues](#)

[Happy Birthday, Rosa Parks!](#)

[Juneteenth: An Annual Commemoration of Slavery's End](#)

[Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Honors Life of Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

[Statue of Civil Rights Icon Takes Honored Place in Capitol](#)

[The U.S. Civil Rights Movement](#)

[Martin Luther King Jr.: Champion of Civil Rights and Workers](#)

[Martin Luther King Day of Service](#)

[Martin Luther King Inspired by 1959 Journey to India](#)

[Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Service](#)

[Obama's Remarks at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Dedication](#)  
[New Exhibition Tracks Progress of Civil Rights](#)

**Others:** Please write to [chennairefdesk@state.gov](mailto:chennairefdesk@state.gov) for the full text of the articles

The Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality and the African American Organizing Tradition in the Era of Black Power by Greta de Jong. *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (JULY 2013), pp. 597-616

The Rosa Parks Story : The Making of a Civil Rights Icon by Delphine Letort. *Black Camera*, Vol. 3, No. 2, Spring 2012, pp. 31-50

"We Ain't Doin' Civil Rights": The Life and Times of a Genre, as Told in The Help. *Southern Cultures*. V. 20, No. 1, Spring 2014, pp. 51-64

## Interesting Websites:

[13 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution](#)

[African American History Month](#)

[African American History Month, US Census Bureau](#)

[African American](#)

[World, PBS](#)

[Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#)

[Celebrate Black History Month, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources](#)

[Civil Rights Act of 1964](#)

[Civil Rights Movement, Calisphere](#)

[Competing Voices of Civil Rights Movement](#)

[Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial](#)

## Documentaries available @ the Library

**American Experience: Citizen King,** 2004. 115 minutes

**Black History: the War Years and the Civil Rights Movement** 3 Parts - 2007 - 665 minutes (ID: 815-817)

**Dr. Martin Luther King: a Historical Perspective** 2002 - 60 minutes (ID: 809)

**Eyes on the Prize,** 7 Parts, 2006 (Id : 915-921)

**Great Hearts of Courage: Martin Luther King** 25 minutes (ID 994)

**In Remembrance of Martin**

1985 - 60 minutes (ID 810)

**King**

2 Parts - 2005 - 544 minutes (ID 813-814)

**March**

1963 - 32 minutes (ID 801-802, 824)

**March On!: the Day my Brother martin Changed the World**

220 minutes - 2003 (ID: 825)

**Martin Luther King: I have a Dream**

**Voices of Civil Rights.** 2006. 2 Parts. 274 minutes

**Let Freedom Sing: How Music Inspired the Civil Rights Movement.** 2009. 102 Minutes. (ID:937)



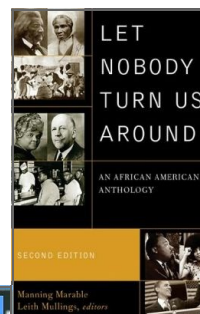
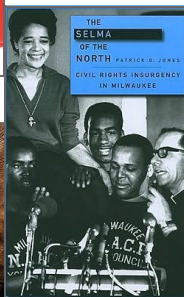
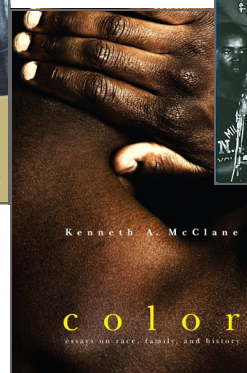
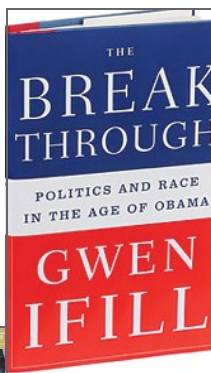
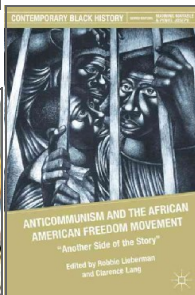
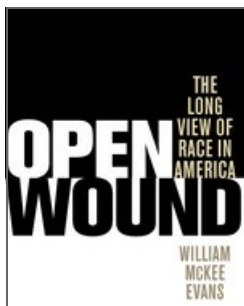
*A beautifully illustrated text of the Emancipation Proclamation that glorifies Lincoln as the Great Emancipator.*

## Books:

*Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.*

*—Abraham Lincoln*

***Visionaries: African Americans tell their stories***





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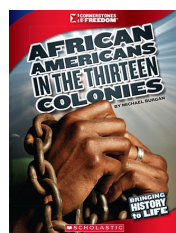
### Black Studies in Video

Black Studies in Video is a collection of award-winning documentaries, newsreels, interviews and archival footage surveying the evolution of black culture in the United States.

[Encyclopedia of African American History](#) (Gale Virtual Reference Library)

Available in the History section of the Gale Virtual Reference Library, the third volume of the Encyclopedia of African American History highlights key figures in the civil rights movement.

### FreedomFlix



A section focuses on Slavery and Civil War.

Smithsonian

Articles about the history of the civil rights movement can be found in Smithsonian Collections Online.

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